Message from the Principal

Dear families,

Twilight Carnival

$37,817.66

Wow!!!!

It’s hard to imagine that only a week ago today, we were busy with last minute preparations for the Twilight Carnival, our first Fete experience in 5 years!

We were absolutely delighted by the number of people who came through our gates on Friday night. The signs along Melbourne Road during the week did a great job directing people our way. Alongside our families were many local community members, adding to the atmosphere and energy of the night.

There are so many people to thank for their contributions in a variety of ways, donating time, money, items and ideas. I was so proud of our community’s response helping make this a successful event. Thank you so much for everything you have done.

I would like to especially acknowledge the Carnival coordinating team. This group started planning over a year ago and have worked hard over this time to bring everything and everyone together, achieving a result beyond our expectations.

Rachel (Lily, Taj and Archie’s mum)    Nat (Luka and Kaya’s mum)
Sam (Will and Holly’s mum)            Faith (Dash and Manon’s mum)
Mark (Mia’s dad)                      Chloe (Lilly’s mum)
Timna (Anais and Greta’s mum)        Michelle (Darby and Georgie’s mum)
Penny (Flynn’s mum)

As we indicated before the event, this will enable us to finish our fence, purchase new take home readers and iPads for the classrooms, as well as upgrade some playground equipment. And we will have to think about what to do with the extra money we raised! What a delightful problem to have!

And I would also like to acknowledge and thank Sharon for all her work leading up to, and on the day of, our carnival. As many of you will have personally experienced, Sharon assisted with all sorts of queries and jobs associated with the event, helping make it the success it was. Thank you Sharon!!!

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To Do Notes / Forms / Reminders

- Return permission note, medical form and $70.00 for Swimming Program
- Pay Term 3 & 4 Keyboard Fees
- Pay Term 4 Guitar Fees
- Pay Term 4 Books & Resources Levy ($62.50) and any outstanding charges from Terms 1 to 3
Sonic Cubbies

The launch of our Sonic Cubbies on Friday was the perfect way to start the festivities of our big night. As many of you will have heard, this arts project has been a rich musical experience for our year 3 students over the past few months, culminating in a performance of their composition, accompanied by the whole school. Our sincere thanks to David Murphy, our Artist in Residence (and dad of Flynn!) for his supreme commitment to this project. David has certainly contributed above and beyond the expectations of Arts Victoria, leaving us with a gift of music that we will enjoy for many years to come.

Spotty Cup

We have caught our breath, and now it’s time for the Spotty Cup! This annual event is one of our school calendar highlights and we are getting ready to enjoy our own ‘race carnival’ event again, 2015 edition. If you are planning to join us, the picnic lunch starts at 12:30 on the oval and race day events commence shortly after 1:00pm. Students will need to come in school uniform, don’t forget hats as we will be outside for most of the afternoon.

Swimming

Our swimming program commences next week, starting on Wednesday. To make it as smooth as possible, please ensure your child has a swimming bag with their towel and if they have goggles, please name them.

The schedule is as follows:

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<th>Groups</th>
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<td>2/3K &amp; 4/5L</td>
<td>11.15am</td>
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<td>Prep V, 3A &amp; 6H</td>
<td>12pm</td>
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<td>Prep B &amp; 1/2KJ</td>
<td>12.45pm</td>
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<td>1/2A &amp; 1/2R</td>
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Teachers will adjust recess and lunchtimes around their class swimming times.

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Lunch Orders
There will be no lunch orders for the next two weeks while the swimming program is on.

We are asking for your cooperation with managing lunch orders after swimming. Please have your child hand lunch orders in to classrooms in the morning when possible, teachers have a basket in the room for this purpose. Our lunch order people do provide change if you don't have the exact money. Also, parents are reminded that you need to provide your own brown paper bags.

Thursday mornings have become a bit hectic with many parents falling into the habit of asking Sharon to provide bags and change, and writing orders out in the office.

We ask for your assistance in adjusting this routine and building children’s independence in bringing their lunch order to the classroom.

Softball
This week our softball team competed in the regional playoffs and made it through to the Grand Final. They played very well finishing runners up, incidentally to the same team that they came second to in the T-Ball final last term. Well done boys, runners up at this level is a great effort.

Jackie Green
Principal

Face Paint
We have some left over face paint that is now available for purchase at the discounted price of $3 a tub. Please come into the office if you would like to buy some.

Good Bye to CJ
This week Baby CJ left Shauna and Julian’s family, and our Spotswood community to live with his new Mum and Dad!

He has been with us all year and spent a lot of time at school. Thank you to everyone who supported us by donating little clothes, (and a pram!) giving him heaps of cuddles, baby sitting, and generally accepting him and making him feel welcome and loved. You all have helped give CJ a great start to life! He will be missed by many, but we know that he is going to be loved and cherished by his new family.

Thank you from the Clarke family
**Congratulations Johnny!!**

Congratulations Johnny Robbins in 4/5L who has been selected to play in the South West Country Eagles Hockey team for the Zone Challenge. Johnny has worked very hard to get selected and we wish him well for the Challenge. We are very proud of you Johnny!

**Twilight Carnival invitations**

A few weeks ago all families were given invitations to hand out to families and friends inviting them to our Twilight Carnival. The winner with the most invitations returned on the night of the Carnival is Liam Peterson in 1/2R. Liam and his family win a gift card to Adventure Park in Geelong valued at $79.00. Congratulations Liam and the Peterson family!

**Happy Birthday**

Happy Birthday to:

- Zoe B
- David
- Kai B
- Kei W

**Student Awards**

Congratulations to the following students who received awards at assembly on Monday:

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<td>Prep B</td>
<td>Josh H</td>
<td>dunking Miss Ball in the dunking tank at the Fete … more than once!</td>
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<td>Prep V</td>
<td>Ella P</td>
<td>working hard with her reading of frequently used words and for doing her best!</td>
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<td>Archie</td>
<td>being a responsible class member and for always doing his best</td>
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<td>1/2A</td>
<td>Indira</td>
<td>all the creativity, dedication and effort you’ve put into your work the first week back. Way to hit the ground running! All the students of 1/2A – absolutely blowing Mr Anstey away with some of the most impressive and creative writing ever read! Fantastic Work!</td>
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<td>1/2KJ</td>
<td>Kaya</td>
<td>being an attentive hard worker. Well done! Anna – showing confidence towards her work. Keep it up!</td>
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<td>1/2R</td>
<td>Luka J</td>
<td>his great ‘letter writing’ and use of the computer when writing</td>
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<td>Lilly P</td>
<td>her awesome spelling test results and improvement since the last test!</td>
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<td>2/3K</td>
<td>Declan</td>
<td>always contributing thoughtfully to classroom discussions</td>
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<td>Molly T</td>
<td>always persisting and putting in 100% in all of her school work enthusiastically Angelo – always being part of our class team and helping out enthusiastically whenever he can</td>
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<td>3A</td>
<td>Amelie S</td>
<td>being a wonderful friend and always including others. Fantastic Amelie!</td>
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<td>Jake H</td>
<td>his thoughtful nature and always willing to help out a friend or his teacher!</td>
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The Water Conference
2015

Zoë, Natasha, Max, James, Jasmine, Liam and Nick, took part in the Water Conference, also known as Kids Teaching Kids. For weeks we prepared a workshop, which was based on the area around the Newport Power Station (also known as “The Warmies”).

Our workshop involved the main base, with:
An intro,
Activities,
A Quiz with lollipops and…
A lot of fun!

On the 22\textsuperscript{nd} of October we had a trip to Etihad Stadium, to take part and perform workshops. Mr Lamb was also there, to help us a great deal.

The day before this Natasha, Zoë and Max had created a shield to present to all 53 schools. We all went and saw 2 other workshops and then it was time for our workshop. We did it for two groups and they both enjoyed it. After that we went for a walk and saw a Cow in a tree. Then it was dinner. There was plenty of fun with videos, performances and dancing. Then it was time to go home.

On the 23\textsuperscript{rd} we all went to Collingwood Children’s Farm. We were all split up for activities. While in the activities, we learnt a load of interesting facts. Like, did you know that to get a kilogram of beef, it takes 15,440 litres of water? WOW!

We had a great time at the Water Conference, we wish that we could do it all over again, it was so much fun!!!!!!!!!!

Zoë, Natasha, Max, James, Jasmine, Liam and Nick
Twilight Carnival Feedback

A big thank you to everyone who supported the Twilight Carnival! Whether it was to come along and enjoy the evening with family and friends, or helping out on a stall, or co-ordinating a stall. We were absolutely thrilled with support from our school community and the fabulous turn out (which far exceeded all our predictions).

We hope you enjoyed it and would value any feedback you have as visitors to the Carnival.

What worked well?

What could have worked better?

Potential solutions

Please drop off completed forms into the office by Thursday 5th November.
Fun at the Twilight Carnival